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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE SAXMUNDHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you a Report on the Health and Sanitary State of the District for the Year 1947.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

D. W. RYDER RICHARDSON.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

		TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Live Births.	Legitimate	21	13	8
	Illegitimate	4	2	2
Birth Rate :	18.2			
Stillbirths:	NONE			
Deaths		18	10	8
Death Rate :	13.1			

Deaths from puerperal causes ... ... None
Deaths of infants under one year 1
Deaths from cancer 1
Deaths from measles, whooping cough, or diarrhoea, (under two years old)... ... None

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There was no special incidence of infectious disease during the year. Cases notified were :-

Measles	8
Pneumonia	2
Erysipelas	2
Scarlet fever.....	1
Dysentery	1

One case of tuberculosis, pulmonary, male, aged 28, was notified. There were no deaths from infectious disease. Notification was received during the year that, owing to shortage of staff, admission of infectious cases to the Ipswich Isolation Hospital could not be guaranteed.

TOWN WATERWORKS

These continue to provide an adequate supply of water of excellent quality as proved by regular bacteriological and chemical analyses at six-monthly intervals. The volume of water available is sufficient to supply the needs of the town and of surrounding districts as well. This was proved in May when continuous pumping of 21,000 gallons per hour for two weeks on end was carried out. At the end of the test the water returned to its resting level in 45 seconds in one pump and in 105 seconds in the other. Analysis of the water before and after pumping shewed no appreciable increase in its saline content. The water is not liable to have plumbosolvent action. No action was necessary in regard to contamination. The water going to supply is chlorinated and treated for iron removal.

Of the 488 dwelling houses in the area 415 are supplied by the main direct and 48 from standpipes.

PUBLIC HEALTH & HOUSING ACTS

Number of houses inspected	92
Number of informal notices served ..	23
Number of defects remedied.....	31

ROUTINE INSPECTION

Cowsheds and Dairies.....	5
Bakehouses	9
Factories and Workshops	8
Fish Shops	2
Butchers Shops	4
Ice Cream Premises.....	2
Other Shops	1

FOOD INSPECTION

Condemned as unfit for human consumption..... 948 lbs.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Number of new Registrations..... 2